

Welcome to our services today

8 June 2025

Pentecost

FAMILY COMMUNION, 10am

President: Revd Martin King

Followed by festive refreshments and chat in the Hall.

There are no separate Youth and Children's Church groups as the All – Age Talk, suitable for all ages takes place instead of a sermon. There are various resources and activity bags in the Children's Chapel available for younger children.

Hymns: As listed in the printed Order of Service booklet
383, (no gradual), 191(offertory), 760(distribution), 609(Text by M King)
Congregational Setting: Lloyd
Choir Music: Darke in F
Listen sweet dove - Ives

Readings: Acts 2: 12-14; John 14: 15-17 (narrated by members of our Youth and Children's Church)

This week we pray for all who live and work in Wilkins Grove and Longcroft Gardens.

*Next service's readings: Proverbs 8: 1-4, 22-31; Romans 5: 1-5;
John 16: 12-15*

Parish Office (mornings Wed – Fri): 01707 694191 admin@stfranciswgc.org.uk

This Church is currently in vacancy, the time between one incumbent (resident priest) leaving and the next one starting. We have started the process to appoint a new minister. Please direct any enquiries on Baptisms, Funerals or Burials of Ashes, etc to admin@stfranciswgc.org.uk or wardens@stfranciswgc.org.uk

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Services & Diary Dates: this week

Tue 10 Jun	Said Eucharist, 7.30pm
Wed 11 Jun	ToddleTime Playgroup, 10am Said Eucharist, 10.30am Coffee for All, 10.30am Zoom online prayer group, 8pm
Thur 12 Jun	Thursday Lunches, 12 noon
Fri 13 Jun	Choir practice, 7pm
Sun 15 Jun	Said Eucharist, 8am Parish Communion, 9.15am

Services & Diary Dates: further ahead

Thur 19 Jun	Corpus Christi – Said Eucharist, 8pm <i>Corpus Christi refers to 'the body of Christ' (Latin). This feast is liturgically celebrated on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday - the joyous thanksgiving for the sacramental gifts of Christ's body and blood in Holy Communion. Rev'd Richard Symms is presiding.</i>
Sun 22 Jun	Choral Evensong, 6pm
Sun 6 Jul	Afternoon Tea Party, 4pm followed by Frankie's @5 Informal worship service, 5pm

Our church thrives through volunteers - can you help?

Thank you to Julie Owen and Mary Coxon for baking our yummy Pentecost cakes today. Happy birthday everyone!

Homemade cakes, biscuits or other teatime treats, please!

Anne has generously agreed to bake all the scones (thank you!) but we do need other baked goodies for our summer social on Sunday, 6 July. Afternoon Tea Party followed by Frankie's @5, our (all age) Informal worship service led by Paul & Jo Dunstan. Please invite everyone; neighbours, friends, families, etc. – the more the merrier!

News

Andrew and his team are finalising plans and the program for our exciting new Arts Festival (exhibition, art sales plus refreshments in the Hall) from 25 to 27/28 September. Would anyone in WGC or nearby who is interested (artist or student), please contact Andrew:

artsfestival@stfranciswgc.org.uk

Note: This is the new e-mail for all SF Arts Festival enquiries.

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Pentecost (Whit Sunday)

Collect

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Acts 2: 1-21 (verses 1-12 as narrated by members of YACC)

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.

And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem.

And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each.

Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?

And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs - in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.'

All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?'

But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning.

No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: *In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.*

Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

John 14: 8-17 (verses 12-17 as narrated by members of YACC)

Philip said to Jesus, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.'

Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"?

Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works.

Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves.

Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father.

I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever.

This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

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